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1. THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ELYSEE, FRANCOIS-PONCET, THIS MORNING (JANUARY 19) AND MADE POINTS REFTEL CONCERNING ME NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON NEED TO AVOID HASTY REACTIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS. FRANCOIS-PONCET SAID THAT THE GOF HAD REFRAINED FROM ANY STATEMENT WHICH WOULD ADD TO THE GENERAL GLOOM. PRESIDENT GISCARD, HE SAID, WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION. NEVERTHELESS, GISCARD

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MAY DECIDE TO MAKE A POSITIVE AND UPBEAT STATEMENT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS IF IT SEEMS THIS WILL BE HELPFUL.

2. ALSO THIS MORNING WE MADE THE SAME POINTS TO QUAI ACTING DIRECTOR OF NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS SERVANT. SERVANT SAID THAT IT WAS MANIFESTLY IN FRANCE'S INTEREST TO DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD HARM

THE CHANCES OF KEEPING THE NEGOTIATIONS GOING. IT WAS
CLEAR AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISRAELIS WILL
HAVE TO GIVE MUCH MORE THAN THEY HAVE TO DATE IF THE
NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT TO COLLAPSE. IF THEY FAIL, HE
SAID THAT THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE HEADED FOR WAR IN
TWO YEARS---IF THE ISRAELIS DIDN'T MAKE PEREMPTIVE
ATTACKS FIRST. HARTMAN

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